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Dear Sir:

In regard to application, DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTICS FOR TRANSMISSIBLE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY AND METHODS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF NON-INFECTIVE BLOOD PRODUCTS AND TISSUE DERIVED PRODUCTS, Serial No. 09/554,567, filed September 1, 2000, and previously filed through the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) on 16 December 1998, having received International Application Number PCT/EP98/08271, enclosed herewith are:

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the specification as follows:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

32. A method to test for the presence of transmissible spongiform encephalopathy comprising:

obtaining a test sample;

collecting B-cells from said test sample; and

testing the B-cells for the presence of transmissible spongiform encephalopathy.

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